

## Empowerment and the Second District

### The Ethos of Empowerment

Empowerment is a concept and experience that challenges the status quo. Central to the concept of empowerment is the belief that power, in and of itself, does not exist in isolation nor is it inherent in individuals. Power is created in relationships: individual, familial, communal, and political. Empowerment, therefore, is best understood in the context of dynamic relationships geared toward positive change.

During the past quarter century of my involvement in public service I have focused my energies on increased civic participation and citizen empowerment to stimulate and spur the revitalization of urban Los Angeles and the betterment of the greater metropolis. My goal has always been to **educate, engage and empower** people and communities. Whether in the areas of policy formulation, living-wage-job creation, voter registration or the promotion of non-violence, I have sought partnering as the vehicle to achieve both self and community actualization with individuals and organizations who believe that our communities are our shared responsibility.

When we work collaboratively—young and old, African American and Latino, Asian Pacific Islander and White, Christian, Muslim and Jew—based on mutual respect—our achievements are all the more meaningful. It is really the only way we can become equal in and accountable for solving the complex issues that face our communities. This nexus of individual and collective responsibility is the bedrock of empowerment.

— Mark Ridley-Thomas

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### Constituent Service Centers in the Second District


Welcome to the Constituent Service Center program of the Second District of Los Angeles County.

Constituent Service Centers provide high-quality, public services at conveniently located facilities throughout the communities we serve. In these Centers you will have direct access to members of my staff and to representatives of important County departments including Planning, Community Senior Services, Consumer Affairs the Sheriffs Department, and the County Recorder. Our staff is prepared to help you locate appropriate services in response to your questions and needs.

Bringing public services directly into communities has been a hallmark of my public life. Rather than concentrate these services at a remote headquarters facility in downtown Los Angeles, I have always endeavored to bring services directly to constituents, in close proximity to your homes and places of work. In the Second District of Los Angeles County, we currently have three Constituent Services in operation: Exposition Park, Florence-Firestone, and Lennox.

Each of these Centers provides an array of conveniently-located County services and community meeting rooms.

We invite you to familiarize yourself with our Constituent Services Centers, and with County services provided in your neighborhood.

With hope,  
  
Mark Ridley-Thomas  
Supervisor, Second District



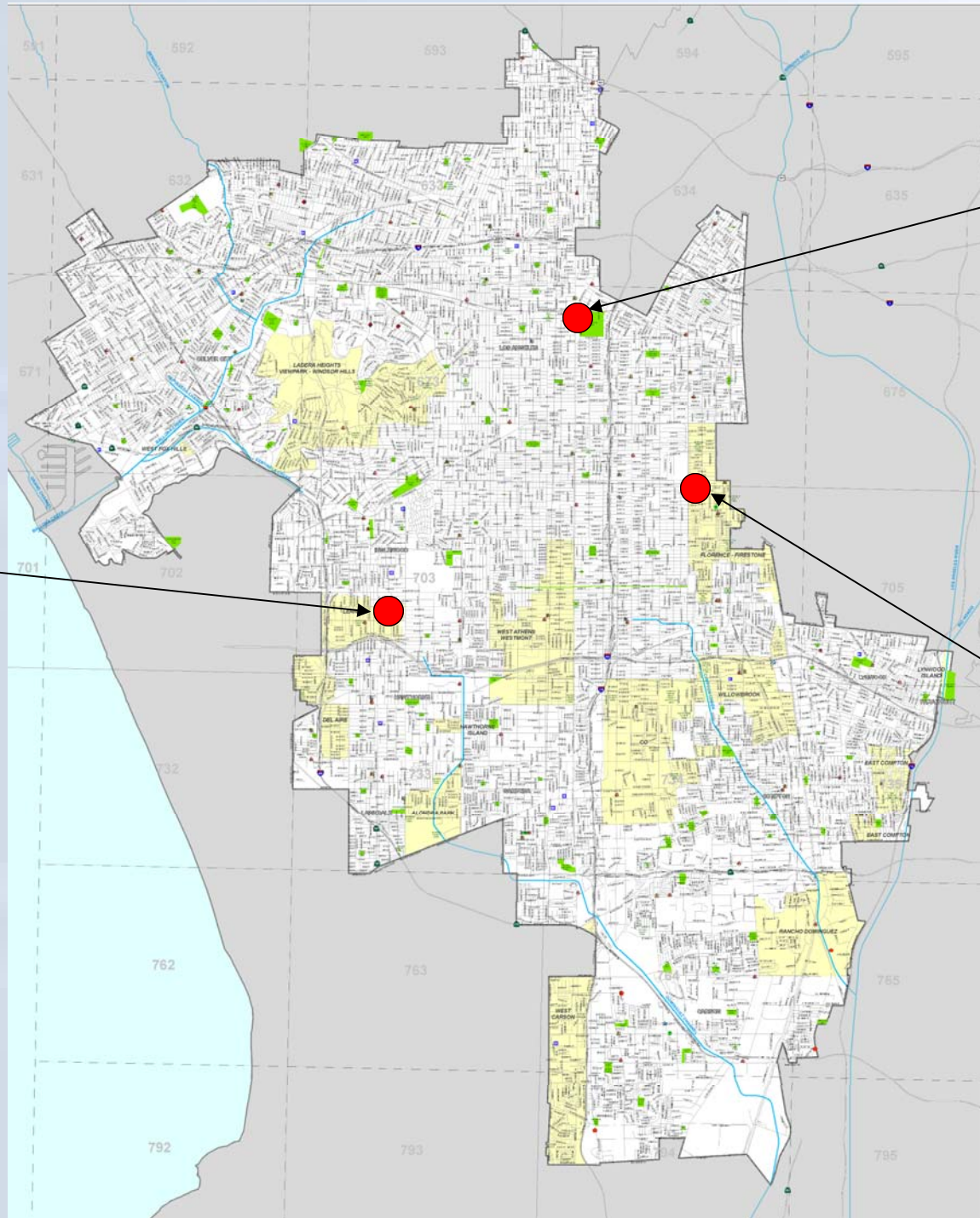
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## **Lennox**

7439 Lennox Boulevard  
Lennox, CA 90304  
(213) 893-0327 Ofc.  
(310) 673-6568 Fax

- Library
- Regional Planning
- Consumer Affairs
- Community and Senior Services
- Sheriff's Department
- Public Meeting Rooms



## **Exposition Park**

700 Exposition Park Drive  
Los Angeles, CA 90037  
(213) 743-7200 Ofc.  
(213) 743-5665 Fax

- Environmental Services
- Large Public Meeting Room



## **Florence Firestone**

7807 South Compton Avenue  
Room 200  
Los Angeles, CA 90001  
(323) 586-6523 Ofc.  
(323) 277-9824 Fax

- Senior Services
- Recorder
- Consumer Affairs
- Public Meeting Rooms